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1. [redacted] passed Moon Sound on 10 April 1950 and, on putting into Kassar Wiek (Kassar Bight), noticed that the width of the navigable channel had been doubled since 1949, and that it had been dredged to a minimum depth of six meters. Shoals in Kassar Wiek had also been removed, as source was able to determine at two points just southeast of Kassar Island.
2. A total of 24 mooring stones (stone sinkers), 30 tons each had been laid south and southeast of Kassar Island. On the Oescl side of Kassar Cove, northwest of Triigi Bight, a total of twelve 60-ton mooring stones had been laid. The old mooring stones, a total of 30, were shipped to Paldiski where they will be used near Pakri Island.
3. While these operations were going on, Soviet Navy units continuously crossed Kassar Wiek, plying to and from the Baltic Sea and Moon Sound. They were either entire PT flotillas, armed fishing cutters of between 250 and 350 tons, or light submarines. In addition to these vessels two large and five or six smaller destroyers crossed the bight. [redacted] learned that the navigable channel leading to the Baltic Sea had also been redredged and deepened to not less than 6 meters. In addition, the channel was allegedly widened at both ends and at the bend. 25X1X
4. A floating crane of about 100 tons lifting capacity was towed past the place where source worked, southeast of Kassar Island. The floating crane was accompanied by two fully-loaded lighters of 600 tons each. They were towed into Port Orjaku by three tugs. During the period from 14 April to 20 April 1950 eleven steamers, ranging in size from 2,000 to 4,000 tons, put into Orjaku successively. They arrived with full cargo and left empty. The discharging operations in Orjaku were remarkably fast (50-47N, 22-46E).
5. The harbor proper now has a loading wharf which is 350 meters long. The water depth alongside is 6 meters. It is a modern concrete pier. In addition the harbor has been equipped with eight heavy moving dolphins for large ships; these dolphins were not there before. [redacted] the berthing of a 4,000-ton ship is now possible without any difficulty. 25X1X

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6. A merchant steamer of about 4,000 tons put in at about noon on 18 April 1950. She discharged locomotives, Diesel generating sets, rails, switches, turntables and about a thousand casks.
7. It is rumored that there are two large building sites there, one a little southward of the middle of Dagoe Island, the other in the western corner of the island, about 5 km from the outermost point. At least 22,000 Soviets are said to be working on a large object on the isle. The ferry master said that never before was there such strict secrecy about proceedings on the island. Near Orjaku, on Orjaku Island, a village was built for the permanent accommodation of about 1,000 persons. About 3,000 persons can be quartered there temporarily.

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